

As Sinclair uses the public airwaves, they are obligated by law to serve the public interest. "Public interest" would seem to include messages such as "get out and vote" but not the anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. That misuse of public airwaves is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, in which one company can force their stations to air a politically-motivated, special interest message.

When large companies control the airwaves, the core of our democracy is gutted. We need more substantive news about issues that matter, not more negative, biased smears (from either side).

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.